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THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

Banking.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$500,000
HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Comm. of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman
H. Stollmeyer, Esq., Vice-Chairman
Chen Kit Shao, Esq., Secretary
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 21st October, 1895. [17]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,185,000
PAID-UP \$685,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 3 " 2 " "
DEPOSITS RENEWED ON OLD TERMS.

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1895. [18]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS \$200,000
RESERVE FUND \$325,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 3 " 2 " "
T. E. SANSON,
pro. Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [19]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
J. KRAVER, Esq., Chairman.
Hon. A. MACDONALD, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
Hon. J. J. BELL, Esq., S. C. Michaelson, Esq.,
G. B. DODD, Esq., D. R. SASSOON, Esq.,
M. D. ECKEL, Esq., N. A. SIEB, Esq.,
R. M. GRAY, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS:—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per annum.
For 3 months, 2 per Cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1895. [20]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has been authorized to receive deposits from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in a FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [21]

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,
the 9th day of September, 1895, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1895. [1179]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 9th day of September, 1895, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary (Measurements)	Contents (Squarable)	Annual Rent	Upset Price
134	Marine Road	1100/100/160/160	16,000/240	\$300	\$1000

Intimations.
BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.
28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.



ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.
ASBESTOS SHEETS, MILLBOARDS, CANVAS, &c.
ASBESTOS COMPOSITION for COVERING BOILERS and STEAM PIPES.
CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form), SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.
ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.
W. JACKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [120]

"AQUARIUS,"
A SPARKLING MINERAL WATER.
MANUFACTURED FROM TREBLE DISTILLED WATER.

Mixes perfectly with all Wines and Spirits and does not discolor or alter their flavor as is so often the case with other Mineral Waters containing Iron, &c.

SOLE AGENTS:—
CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.
15, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 29th August, 1895. [121]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. pints \$35 per case.
do " " quarts \$33 " "

SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895. [122]

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"EXCELSION," HONGKONG.
A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE:
No. 35.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [123]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NEW NOVELS & CHEAP EDITION.

TRANSITION, BY AUTHOR OF A SUPERFLUOUS WOMAN.
A Man of Mark, by Anthony Hope.
The God in the Car, by Anthony Hope.
Big myrtle and Peat, by S. R. Crockett.
Round the Red Lamp, by Conan Doyle.
Barabbas: Marie Cordill: cheap edition.
The Little Soubasse, by Crockett.
The Sultan's Minister, by Crockett.
The Maid of Sker, by R. D. Blackmore.
Mona Maclean Medical Student, by Travers.
Island of Fantasy, by Fergus Hume.
Works by Q. cheap editions.
Robert Louis Stevenson's Works: cheap edition.

VAIN FORTUNE, BY AUTHOR OF ESTHER WATERS.
Ratan: What's in a Name, by E. D. Gerard.
A River Robinson Crusoe, by F. Bingham.
The Ladies' Juggernaut, by A. C. Gutter.
An Apostle of Freedom: Tale of the Anarchists.
By order of the Brotherhood: Le Volcan.
The Martyr's Fool, by D. Christie Murray.
The Prisoner of Zenda: Anthony Hope.
New French Novels by popular Authors.
Li Hung-chang, by Professor Douglas.
The Story of Christine Rochefort.
A Tag-of-War, by Author of Molly Bawn.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1895. [124]

DEMAND
A PRIVATE BATH AND RETIRING ROOM.
IS RESIDENT IN THE OLD BUILDING OF THE H.K. HOTEL.
IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO

Insurances.
TYPHOON INSURANCE.
NOTICE.

HOUSE OWNERS, TRUSTEES, MORTGAGEES and Others interested in HOUSE PROPERTY are informed that THE COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

are prepared to accept Risks against LOSS or DAMAGE by TYPHOONS at Moderate Rates. For Particulars apply to

W. M. MACLEAN,
LOCAL MANAGER, Hongkong Branch,
Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd.,
Queens Road Central.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1895. [125]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

STEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 25th May, 1895. [126]

NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the World payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

GENERAL NOTICE.
THE CHAI ON MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the World payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAN HEWAN,
Secretary.
No. 42, BATHURST STREET WEST.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1895. [127]

GENERAL NOTICE.
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TALES 600,000 \$833,333.33
RESERVE FUND \$315,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Mr. S. W. Lee, Esq., Chairman.
Mr. T. S. Lee, Esq., Vice-Chairman.
Mr. T. S. Lee, Esq., Secretary.

MANAGER:—HO AMET.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE: 5 & 6, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [128]

NOTICE.
THE PO ON MARINE INSURANCE AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL:—EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$800,000).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Choi Shih Chuen, Esq., of Messrs. Choi Kwong Lan.
Yu of Yu, Esq., of Messrs. Kung Yuen.
Lau Chiu Hui, Esq., of Messrs. Kung Yuen.
Choi Shih Chui, Esq., of Messrs. Choi Yuen Lan.
Choi Cheuk Kwun, Esq., of Messrs. Hang Kee Hong.

Lo Shih Yu, Esq., of Messrs. Quong Fung Loong.
Choi Shih Man, Esq., of Messrs. Choi Yuen Lan.
Choi Kwong Wan, Esq., of Messrs. Tung Chan Hong.

THIS Company having been duly incorporated with special powers, is prepared to accept RISKS from the 15th instant at Current Rates.

Head Office:—No. 126, Wing Lok Street.

UN LAI CHUEN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1895. [129]

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE.
OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the PARLOR of the HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [130]

Shipping.
STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Geo. Ramsey, Commander, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamship. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine, a Refrigerating Chamber ensuring the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Shipping.
STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LADRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [131]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NIMPOO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS,"
Captain Green, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [132]

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"GUILDHALL,"
Captain McGregor, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 9th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1895. [133]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR VLADIVOSTOCK, VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO AND NAGASAKI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to KOREAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"GHAEZE,"
Captain D. S. Bailey, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 9th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1895. [134]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Chartered Steamer

"CAM,"
Captain Mathias, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 10th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1895. [135]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"NESTOR,"
Captain Aquitt, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant. Rate of Freight on Mating and General Cargo 25/- per ton of 40 cubic feet. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [136]

INDO CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESANG,"
Captain Parks, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [137]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

Shipping.
STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR FOCHOW.

THE Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Captain G. Ramsey, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [138]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLEN VON,"
Captain Norman, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at Noon. Instead of as previously notified. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [139]

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAINANFU.

THE Steamship

"ASK,"
Captain Hygon, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to VILLA LOPEZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [140]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [141]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"BENGLOE,"
Captain Thompson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 10th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [142]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"DIOMED,"
Captain Bartlett, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 12th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [143]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"
Captain Dixon, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 15th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1895. [144]

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"AMUR,"
Captain C. Mearns, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant, at 5 P.M. Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for transshipment at MANILA for BARCELOONA, CADIZ, SANTANDER and other SPANISH PORTS. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated amidship, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to VILLA LOPEZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [145]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.L.I. American Ship

"P. N. BLANCHARD,"
Blanchard, Master, is now loading for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1895. [146]

Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that arrangements have been made for the carrying out of SEWERAGE and DRAINAGE WORKS on Private Premises by the Public Works Department. Owners of Property and others desirous of such Works being carried out by the above department should apply to the Directors of Public Works.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [1210]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. NOTICE.

MEMBERS who have not already subscribed and who wish to have a SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFIN for the 1896 RACES will oblige by communicating with the undersigned on or before MONDAY next, the 9th inst.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [1215]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of electing Dividends.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [1217]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEYU, TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG, YANKOW and PORTS on the YANTZSE.)
The Company's Steamship

"TAISANG,"
Captain S. White, will be dispatched as above on MONDAY, the 9th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [1204]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND
COLOMBO.
(Calling at PENANG (Indispendent office).)
The Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU,"
will be dispatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [1213]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
The Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"
Captain W. Weddell, will be dispatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M., instead of as previously notified.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [1205]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.
The Company's Steamship

"MARIA TERESA,"
Captain V. Ghesmann, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1895. [1216]

BROWN, JONES & CO.

DEALERS IN
ITALIAN AND AMERICAN MARBLE AND
HONGKONG GRANITE CEMETERY
MEMORIALS.

LETTERS CUT AND FILLED WITH IMPERISHABLE
LEAD CEMENT.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1895. [127]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

SEASON 1895-96.

Our First Supplies of these best Quality Seeds have arrived, and Orders will be executed in the sequence in which they are received as long as the supply lasts.

SEED LISTS

with

HINTS FOR GARDENING

have been issued and can be obtained on application.

Our Seeds are all tested before being put up in LONDON.

They are packed under our own Supervision, and the greatest care is exercised to insure protection in transit.

Sowings should be made in FINE WEATHER ONLY and the remainder of the packets secured from damp, and kept in a dry place for repeat sowings.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high-class Fertilizer for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally.

It supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the Plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each,\$1.75.
28 lbs.\$4.50.

Directions for use are given on the Label.

RAMSONE'S "NEW PARIS"

LAWN MOWERS.

The Best and Cheapest Machines in the Market.

For Sale at Manufacturers' Prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1895. [1215]

DEATHS.

On the 8th August, at 2 a.m., MARGARET MAY, the beloved wife of Captain John Mathias, of the S.S. *Cam*, drowned on board the ill-fated steamer *Cathartus*, while on her voyage from Sydney to Hongkong to join her husband. Deeply lamented.

On board the P. and O. steamer *Ravenna*, on the 8th ultimo (between Singapore and Hongkong) WILLIAM LONG, for some years chief engineer of the steamer *Rajah*.

At 21, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on the 1st August, JOANNA FRANCES HARRIS, the beloved wife of J. P. McMan, R.N., Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1895.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We note, with a considerable degree of gratification, that the Unofficial members with, we presume, the full assent of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, do not think it wise to do as the Colonial Secretary requested them to do—give their loyal support to the resolution of the Government to reconstruct the Gap Rock Lighthouse in accordance with the recommendations of Messrs. Coope Son and Matthews, the experts sent out from England to examine and report. The Unofficials do not see any sufficient reasons in that report to justify the enormous expense of reconstruction; they are of opinion, after giving the subject the fullest consideration and obtaining all possible lights on it, that at a comparatively small expenditure every needful protection can be afforded the men employed on the light, and that a reserve of materials for repairs in the Colony will obviate all danger of the Lighthouse being rendered for any length of time incapable of performing its functions. We concur, and we will still be of opinion that on the evidence now before the public that is the only reasonable conclusion to arrive at, even although it should happen that in some unusually severe typhoon the whole of the buildings on Gap Rock should be washed into the sea.

We thank the Unofficial members for securing the publication of these papers. We only take objection to the form in which the application to the Government was made. There was not the least necessity for them to ask for leave, it is their right and that of the public that all such correspondence should be made public. The Government has no right to their advice and opinions as Legislative Councillors except in Council, and openly. If documents are sent to them marked confidential, which in their opinion are not of a confidential character, they should refuse to receive or consider them until they come to them not so marked. We concede that there may be communications to make to them which ought to be considered confidential.

Documents, for example, the publication of which would give information to actual or possible enemies of the State, or which might gravely injure the characters of individuals without just cause, but these, as a rule, form no part of the business of the Legislative Council. In most cases documents are marked confidential for the sake of avoiding public criticism; the one thing above all others which the mediocre official dislikes and resents.

There is one serious lesson to be derived from the history of the Gap Rock Light. It teaches the folly of entrusting to any professional man, however skilled in his own branch of the profession, the designing and execution of work properly belonging to another branch of the profession and of which he has no personal experience. The study of the Gap Rock and of its peculiarities, the selection of a site on it for the Lighthouse, the preparation of the plans and the execution of the work should have been entrusted to some man having experience in lighthouse construction. If there was no man in the Public Works Department with that experience it would have been cheaper in the long run to have got out a man from England specially for the job. We may have to pay a heavy price, yet for the saving effected by leaving the work in the hands of the Department. A man however highly qualified and capable, say, as a Drains Man, is not therefore specially qualified for the construction of Lighthouses, neither is he an architect capable of designing a block of Public Buildings worthy of a city of this size and importance, or of working out the internal arrangements for the convenient accommodation of sets of public offices with the special requirements of which he has no special knowledge.

We hope the Government will take the hint, and, if they cannot get in the Colony, outside the body of public servants, an architect with sufficient knowledge and experience to plan the new public offices, on which it is proposed to spend nearly three quarters of a million of dollars, that they will send to England and get one out specially for the work. It will be much cheaper and much more satisfactory in the long run.

The *China Gazette* thinks that Li Hung-chang's removal from Tientsin and from the Viceroyalty of Chihli to Peking is in the nature of an Irish promotion, or of the elevation of some leading politician in the House of Commons to the decent obscurity of the House of Lords. We do not concur. We are more inclined to believe that Li has been ordered to Peking to negotiate the Commercial Convention and supplementary Treaty with the Japanese Minister, who has refused to negotiate elsewhere than at the Capital or with Ministers not in direct communication with the Emperor. It is not impossible, either, that the Emperor and Dowager-empress may prefer to have their most intelligent and most competent servant and Minister at their elbows than at a distance of 90 or 100 miles. Of Li Hung-chang's ability and power there can be no reasonable doubt. He may be able in his present position to make less money, but he ought to be able, in contact with his Sovereign, to exercise far more power than heretofore.

The *Singapore Free Press* in its leader of the 24th August announces that the confederation of the Malay Protected States with the exception of the Sultanate of Johore, is an accomplished fact. It goes on to say that with the completion of that arrangement all danger of the annexation of those states to the British Empire by their direct connection with and subordination to the Straits Settlements is at an end. It is probable that the Federal arrangement renders it very unlikely that they will ever be allowed to form part of the Straits Settlements. It is more likely a preparatory step to their being entirely separated from the Government of the Straits Settlements, and having a complete governmental organisation of their own dependent directly from the Foreign or Colonial Office. Neither do we think that the new arrangements render it any the less likely that these states will ultimately become an integral portion of the Empire. We believe that in a comparatively short time the Imperial Government will find it needful to assume the direct responsibility for these states and for Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei. War with France would render such a step almost unavoidable, and war with France over Siam, or Burma, or their pretensions to the exclusive right to trade in south China is always on the cards. We congratulate Mr. Sweetenham on his appointment as the first Resident-General of the Confederation and we confidently anticipate that under his skillful administration immense progress will be made in a very short time. We shall publish on Monday the terms on which the Federation has been carried out.

The Government of Lord Salisbury has decided to annex the Chitral territory. We have no direct interest in the question, but all of us who have had experience in the East or who have made a study of Eastern races will know that to have retired from Chitral after having conquered it would have been deemed all over Asia a sign of weakness, and that the policy of moderation of consideration for a baser enemy, on the grounds of political economy or morality, would have been utterly incomprehensible to the semi-savage mind and would have afforded matter for savage laughter and contempt instead of giving rise to any feeling of wonder or admiration. We fought in Chitral, conquered our foes there, and are now bound to hold the country under our sway. There was no other rational course open to us.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

PARLIAMENTARY.

LONDON, September 5th.
Parliament has been prorogued.

ANARCHISTS IN PARIS.
An Anarchist has been caught in Paris in the act of lighting a bomb in the vicinity of the Rothschild's bank.

THE STOKES CASE.
Mr. Corson announced in the House that the papers received in connection with the Stokes case in the Congo Free State show that the case is a very serious one.

TELEGRAMS.

(Special to *Strait Times*.)

THE JUTE STRIKE SPREADING.
LONDON, August 24th.
There are now 27,000 men employed in the jute mills out on strike.

THE NEW SOLICITOR GENERAL.
LONDON, August 24th.
Mr. Robert Bannister, Q.C., has been appointed Solicitor-General for England.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT.
LONDON, August 24th.

Mr. Chamberlain, as Secretary of State for the Colonies, received yesterday a deputation of gentlemen interested in West Africa, who urged the 'early construction of railways within the British sphere. Mr. Chamberlain gave a favourable reply, and stated that he saw in the progress of Colonial development the sole solution of social problems.

THE TYPHOON.

After devastating the Northern part of Formosa, the typhoon reported two days ago to be nearing Wenchow recovered and at 10.55 this morning was nearing Nansak.

Between 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. the barometer dropped from 29.84 to 29.77, showing that the new depression, reported from Manila yesterday, is working up towards the colony.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE remains of the late Sultan of Johore were to be interred to-day.

THE English mail, per *Khadiv*, was delivered shortly after 6 P.M.

M. DE FRANCE, the new French Minister Resident at the Court of Siam, has arrived at Bangkok.

TWO mercantile firms in Holland are alleged by the *Batavia Nieuwsblad* to be endeavouring to buy up the whole Liberian coffee crop in West Java for next year, at sixty guilders a picul.

THE *Sourabaya Courant* says that the N.I. Government intend to send an engineer named Yserman to China and Japan, to find markets there for coal from the Ombilin fields in west Sumatra.

AMONGST the distinguished visitors at present staying in Shanghai is Colonel Wogack, Military Attaché to the Russian Legation in Peking, who was attached to the Japanese Army during the recent war.

A LONDON "wise" of the 10th ultimo to a Calcutta paper states that the Belgian authorities of the Congo Free State have hanged a Britisher named Stokes for supplying hostile natives with arms and ammunition.

SIR GEORGE ROBERTSON was to leave Simla for the Chitral via the Dir route about the end of last month and at once commence the settlement of the country. Captain Minchin is now Assistant Political Officer at Chitral.

As illustrating the enterprise of the Japanese, it is worth noting, says the *Strait Times*, that the steamer *Mitsui Maru* brought down two fishing boats with crews and gear complete. If these men succeed, more Japanese fishermen will go to the Straits shortly.

On the 12th ultimo orders were sent from Simla to the Sikkim-Thibet Boundary Commission to return to India. The delay of the Chinese and Thibetan authorities has now made it impossible to conclude the demarcation this season; the matter will probably be taken in hand again next season.

A LETTER from Soerabaya to the *Locomotief*, says the Court acquitted the Russian Maligen, and the Americans Holmes, Paige and the late Danleisen, who were charged with clandestinely importing rifles and ammunition into the island of Lombok. The confiscated rifles, etc., will be given back to their proper owners.

THE *Chicago Inter-ocean* of a late date had a cartoon showing John Chinaman in full mandarin outfit examining the *American Daily Paper*, on one side of which was "murderous attack on negroes at Spring Valley, Illinois," and on the other "murder of missionaries in China." Uncle Sam, standing alongside, queries "Awful, isn't it?" to which the Chinaman answers "which?" The picture is labelled "Ambiguity."

At the New Victoria hotel last evening, the last semi-final was played between Mr. J. Galbraith and Sergeant-Major O'Connor, R.A. The players started even and after a very close and exciting match the civilian won by 25 points.

The grand final will be played to-night between Mr. Galbraith and Col. Sgt. J. Horneham, R.E., and though the odds are in favour of the latter, the contest should prove of great interest. After the conclusion of this game the prizes will be presented by Host Farmer, and as the contest in the Hongkong has been continuously postponed all lovers of good sport should enjoy themselves rather at the "Vic" to-night.

REMOVALS were effected in Shanghai the other day that—firstly, Russia is intriguing for another £16,000,000 Chinese Sterling Loan in order to get a hold on the whole of the Maritime Customs, and that the Peking Government are negotiating with London and Berlin to issue a loan of that amount in silver in order to escape Muscovite importunities. In the meanwhile, says the *China Gazette* of 27th ultimo, the China Bank, looking the prospect that may succeed in her design unless she is checked in time, have laid the seriousness of the situation before Her Majesty's Government, pointing out that the drift of Russia's policy is to inflict future grave injury on British trade interests in the Far East.

GEORGE LAWRENCE was committed for trial at the next Straits Assizes at Singapore for attempting to do violence to a man in a "gun" Charles Woodward, proprietor of Woodward's Circus.

THE fire bells again startled the colony at 11.15 evening, but on the Fire Brigade turning out the cause was found to be a burning fuse in a Chinese shop in Queen's Road West, which had been effectively tackled by the occupants without assistance.

It is considered likely in Holland that the jurist to be appointed by the Emperor of Russia as arbitrator in the *Costa Rica* Packet question, will be Professor Von Martens, an eminent international jurist-consultant. He is professor of political economy and international law at the University of St. Petersburg.

As an indication of the amount of sickness at present prevailing in Hongkong, the fact that on Wednesday 25 men from the Rifle Brigade were sent to the Hospital suffering from fever is noteworthy. Of these one died the same day and was buried on Thursday. The bolting weather is telling on "Tommy Atkins" as well as on the more favoured residents.

It was understood at Calcutta on the 13th ultimo that General Gerard, British Commissioner with the Pamir Boundary Mission, would return to India via St. Petersburg having received a special permit from the Czar to travel in the Trans-Caspian territory. General Gerard probably therefore accompanies the Russian officers to St. Petersburg on the conclusion of the demarcation work.

MR. MATTHEWS made rather an amusing *lapetus* *lingua* the other morning in Singapore Supreme Court. His eloquence, in addressing his lordship, reached a height when it required some familiar figure of speech to assist it, and the learned gentleman blurted out:—"Your lordship can jolly well be assured—." Of course an apology, laughably accepted, interrupted this rhetoric, says the *Straits Times*.

THE following is taken from the *Straits Times* of the 26th ultimo:—"Mr. Henry Tregathan, who has been for the last six years on the *Straits Times* staff, and who has justly fully the trust placed in him, and has admirably fulfilled all his responsibilities, leaves Singapore to-day to join the service of the Protected Malay States. The service is to be congratulated, for it secures one who will surely prove to be a most reliable public servant. He leaves to-day by the B. I. *Sacundra* for Penang, and thence to Taping; but we should think it probable (a surmise for which Mr. Tregathan is not responsible) that if, or when, the Resident-General settles his headquarters at Selangor, Mr. Tregathan will be found at such headquarters."

AN American exchange publishes the following report about Russian naval officers which is certainly as worthy of note as it is advisable for the Russian naval authorities to disprove the serious charges if possible:—"An extraordinary scandal has just come to light in connection with Russia and the Behring Sea patrol. About the middle of last winter a firm of brokers in Hamburg received 5,000 seal-skins, with instructions to forward them to London in time for the big February sale which occurs there every year. It is now reported, on good authority, that these skins were sent by the officers of the Russian warship which left Roblin Island last September and it is presumed that the enterprise was the private speculation of those who were sent there to protect the seals. The Russians were encamped on the island for four or five months, and it is presumed that the crew employed their time in clubbing these seals."

THE national colours of the steamer *Cam* were flying at half-mast to-day owing, we regret to hear, to the death of Mrs. Mathias, the wife of Captain John Mathias of the *Cam*, who, as will be remembered, by the telegraphic intelligence recently published in these columns, went down with the ill-fated Australian liner *Cathartus* during the early part of last month. We deeply regret having to record this unfortunate fact, for it is, indeed, a very sad affair. It appears that the deceased lady had been married only 33 years, and she was coming to Hongkong to meet her husband to-day had not the fates decreed otherwise. Mrs. Mathias had been on a visit to some relatives in Sydney, and her sad loss is mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives in Australia and the Far East, who knew that her amiability and charm of manner as a friend were surpassed only by her devotion and self-sacrifice as a wife and the hope of fond parents.

THE twenty-ninth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the *China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.* will be held at the head office, Queen's Road Central, on Saturday, the 28th inst. at noon.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding cargo permits C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

THE Melbourne Undertakers' Journal, the *Light*, is not unworthy of a humorous profession, says the *Sydney Bulletin*. Its telephone directory suggests the fatal character of the little publication by furnishing the names and numbers of about 150 doctors who may be rung up. Then there is the advt. of a French lady who supplies accomplished corpse care-takers during the interval between death and interment, and says—"Rough—even if kindly—hands should not be allowed to desecrate the remains of your loved ones." Finally, the advt. of Blank and Sons, high-class undertakers, advise every prudent citizen to order a heavy polished oak casket while alive. These desirable freehold residences can be purchased for £5 each, and the appeal of Blank and Sons is irresistible. If you have one ready to hand when required you are popped into it, whereas if you die without having taken thought for the morrow, "your executors will perhaps consider the firm's excellent 30s. coffin good enough. This warning, by the way, applies to other post mortem matters. If you don't make certain of a *tip* tombstone, your executors may be tempted to order a small cross at half the money, and unless you buy your grave before-hand you "dunno wuz" van *tip* after your decease. The *Light* is essentially a journal for anyone who doesn't feel quite well.

If half of the million of dollars expended annually in New York City for charity, says the *Texas Sanitarian*, were invested in Western lands and the rising generation of the poorer element in that city were placed thereon and made self-sustaining, the ratio of defective population would be wonderfully decreased, and the opprobrium of our civilization would be materially softened. Verily here is a field for the philanthropist.

THE Shanghai *Huapha* Amoy correspondent reports that Liu Yang-fo, the Black Flag Chief of Formosa, has adopted the foreign method of issuing postage stamps and bank notes, the former being of three, five and ten *condans* in value, and the latter being worth one dollar, five, ten, twenty, thirty, fifty, one hundred, and five hundred dollars. The letters that came to Amoy from Talaofa now all bear the new Formosa postage stamps. The bank notes have even been accepted by merchants at Amoy and Hongkong.

THE GYMKHANA.

For the first time this season the Gymkhana was held on the day originally fixed for these popular sports. The hot weather immediately preceding these sports had not given too much promise of pleasure, but the Clerk of the Weather, kindly for once, so far proved agreeable as to temper the intense heat by clouding over the fierce solar rays and allowing a refreshing breeze to blow from the north, which made exertion less impossible than usual. The painstaking committee, having in view the limited number of ponies and the usual pitiless nature of the later events, owing to lack of sufficient competitors, had only arranged for two running races, but to make amends they inserted a tent pegging contest and, as a novelty, the White Tie race, both of which caused great amusement. These events proved sufficient, with the fine weather, to induce a very large attendance. Among those who were present and graced the proceedings were His Excellency the Governor, Gen. Black, C.B., and Commodore Boyes, R.N., under whose patronage the meeting was held. The unusual number of ladies present enlivened the meeting considerably, and gave the various competitors that stimulus to do their level best, which adds so much to the interest in these events. By the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Barrow, and the officers of the Hongkong Regiment, the band of that regiment was in attendance, and during the afternoon played their usual faultless style a very agreeable programme, adding much to the general pleasure of the outing.

The meeting began sharp at the advertised time, and the various events were well contested. The details are given below:—

FOOT RACE FOR EUROPEANS, 10 YARDS WHEELBARROW RACE. First prize \$3.00; second \$2.00; third \$1.00; fourth \$0.50.

This was started with very few spectators. Five couples started, the antics of the "wheelbarrows" causing much fun. Mr. Brickwood led the first winning couple and Mr. Dillon the second. The rest gave up. The tussle for the lead at the finish was fairly close.

HALF MILE RACE, HANDICAP, for all China ponies; first prize, a Cup value about \$40; second, 70 per cent. of entrance fees; third 30 per cent.

Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving's Daylight, 1st 11.15; 2nd 11.15; 3rd 11.15.

Captain Radcliffe's Dandy, 1st 11.15; 2nd 11.15; 3rd 11.15.

Major G. K. Moore's Sweetbriar, 1st 11.15; 2nd 11.15; 3rd 11.15.

Mr. W. A. Cruickshank's Warlock, 1st 11.15; 2nd 11.15; 3rd 11.15.

Mr. Dawlin's Tommy (late Voltaire), 1st 11.15; 2nd 11.15; 3rd 11.15.

After several trials, caused by the bad behaviour of Dandy and Warlock, a good start was made, with Daylight in the lead, Sweetbriar second and Warlock third. At the quarter post Daylight still led, with Dandy in the rear, and the others together. Coming to the post Dandy came up, passing Sweetbriar and taking second place in front of the post. Daylight maintained his lead, and finished well to the fore; Warlock a fair fourth. Time, 63 sec.

TENT PEGGING COMPETITION, three runs allowed, points deducted for style and pace; entrance fee \$1; 1st prize, a Cup presented by His Excellency Major-General Black, C.B.; second, the entrance fee.

Mr. W. A. Cruickshank 1

Mr. D. Landale 2

Capt

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

FUTURE.

Thursday, 12th September.
31 Wong Fung Shi v. Kwan Yau Fat.
To recover possession of No. 42, Stanton Street, situate made by plaintiff 8th March, 1880, and to account for rents. Mr. H. L. Dennis for plaintiff.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

FUTURE.

The following fixtures were made this morning—

Monday 9th September.—No. 497.

Tuesday 10th September.

1295—Chau Sul Chun and others v.

Tung Tai Shop 15 83

1296—Chau Tai v. Mr. D. Leighton 995.00

1297—Widowess v. Mr. D. Leighton 995.00

1298—Siu Fui v. Hopkins, Cumming & Co. 347.80

Thursday, 12th September.

1557—Chen v. In Tong v. Tsoi Koon

Heng 193.50

1558—Yee Cheung v. Kan Cheong

shop 400.000

1559—Wa Hing Bank v. Kan Cheong

shop 1,000.00

1560—Kwong Mi Cheong v. Kan Cheong

shop 308.03

1561—Ming Yuen Tong v. Kan Cheong

shop 852.80

The following case was postponed for two weeks—

1505—Chau Shing Yau v. Wong Ki

Sheng 235.18

Pleading were allowed in cases—

1505—Chau Chung Yung v. Li Yik

Long Ki firm 1,000.00

1506—Do. v. Do. 600.00

September 7th.

POLICE COURT.

Mr. McAllister, Inspector of Nuisances, was

brought on to keep the peace for six months

for assaulting his wife. For stealing to cattle

of sugar a coolie was sentenced to 14 days

imprisonment. Four Chinese carpenters and

shopkeepers were fined \$10 each for keeping

their boats in a filthy condition. For mooring

their boats in shore before gun-fire three men

were fined \$1 each. Three Chinese servant

boys were fined \$1 each for misconduct. For

breach of the Optium Ordinances a Chinese

boarding house keeper was fined \$15. Two

seamen, deserters from the American ship

George S. Homer, were each sentenced to one

month imprisonment. For disorderly conduct

four Chinese vehicle coolies were bound over

to keep the peace for six months. Three European

seamen were fined 50 cents each for being drunk

and disorderly. For trespassing on Crown land

a coolie was sentenced to 7 days imprisonment.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

The following telegram dated London July

27th, published in the *New York Herald* contains

interesting information bearing on the present

uneasy state of affairs in Europe—

Since a large Conservative majority in the

House of Commons is seen to be assured, there

is a resurgence of jingoism in the press and

from the platform. This condition of affairs heralds

a stormy time if Lord Salisbury should seek to

satisfy the aspirations of his followers.

The foreign papers are all alert to the

situation. The French papers are assiduously

advocating the use of the Franco-Russian

alliance to drive Great Britain out of Egypt and

to meet her rivalry with the Porte. The

Italian papers claim that the change of govern-

ment here will result in a revival of the Salisbury-

Crispien plan, while the Berlin and Vienna

papers hail the restoration of a Conservative

policy, declaring that it is almost tantamount to

the incorporation of Great Britain in the Triple

Alliance.

The *Globe*, a conservative paper, to-day

strikes a key note, advocating the boldest attack

by Great Britain on France at every point

where their interests may come in collision.

France, it is asserted, must be made to under-

stand that there is no hope of the evacuation

of Egypt until Great Britain deems the time

fitting. It adds that the ridiculous claims

of France to an extension of her sphere of

influence in the Sudan must be met by a British

advance from Uganda and from Egypt simu-

ltaneously. The *Mohel* should be suppressed

by a campaign from Egypt, and Great Britain

should hold away from the Upper Nile to

Alexandria. In China, the French claims to the

eastern bank of the Mekong River must not be

allowed. Siam, it declares, is ripe for a British

protectorate.

Continuing, the *Globe* says that Russia cannot

be permitted to acquire Port Isafereff, but if she

does acquire that place Great Britain must

receive a *quid pro quo*.

These musts and musts must fairly represent

the ideas entertained by the Conservatives, and

it will be seen that should the government make

an attempt to give them to their logical con-

clusion, there will be stormy times ahead,

diplomatically, if not otherwise.

The *Standard*, commenting on the uneasy feel-

ing in regard to European politics, says that it

has led to large sales. Consols, which during

the second week of July were quoted at 108, with

dividend, are this week as low as 106, and all

foreign stocks are heavy.

Lord Salisbury has sent a protest to Paris and

Peking against the French claims to a protector-

territory that is included in the Anglo-French

Buffer State agreement of 1893.

The contingency to which attention was first

drawn by the European edition of the *Herald* in

an editorial transmitted by Commercial Cable and

published in these columns on Friday last, has

now, as the foregoing despatch shows, attracted

the attention of the London press. As the Russian

statesman who was interviewed by a special

correspondent of the *Herald* in St. Petersburg

said, Russia will consider herself entitled to sit

with France in regard to Egypt—in other words,

the French government will now find itself with

a backing which Lord Salisbury will scarcely

find it possible to disregard.

This Egyptian question, as all the world

knows, is one upon which France feels very

strongly. Ever since she withdrew from her

partnership with England in regard to Egyptian

protection of the East. We enjoy among the

Egyptians prestige and glory. Our officers

have been the instructors of their armies.

Our *savants*—Champollion, Mariette, Maspero,

Grebaut—have revealed to the world this

veiled world of civilisations.

"Our work will consist in bringing about

the military evacuation of Egypt by the free

adhesion of the English to the sole solution met

for their dignity and for ours as well as for the

interests of all nations. This solution is a

return on the *status quo ante*. Egypt would be

independent under reservation of the rights of

sovereignty of the Porte and the control of its

credit. It would be giving to place this

independence under the guarantee of a neutrality

analogous to that existing in Europe in the case

of certain states. It is solely to shed light upon

the question and to bring to an end a deplorable

misunderstanding that we form this committee."

The French colony in Egypt, to quote M.

Octave Usanne, in a recent letter to the Paris

Globe, is the "lance-lance" of the East.

French political power in Egypt may seem

strong, but the influence of France is still very

where apparent. The official language is still

French, the clubs are French, plays and opera

are given in the theatres in that language, and

two newspapers, the *Journal d'Alexandrie* and the

Journal Egyptien, represent the French

press. The French colony consists of 15,700

persons, and the commerce with France is fourth

in order of importance, coming after that of

England, Turkey, and Russia.

The typical English view of the Egyptian

question is summed up in the following sentences

taken from an editorial in a leading London

weekly on the subject of the visit of the British

fleet to Alexandria—

"Nor should this superb naval demonstration

be without some profit for those jealous European

Powers which want to get the English out of

Egypt. It signifies in the plainest possible way

that the same sort of instrumentality which

has been employed without hesitations

to maintain the Egyptian navy, for the defence

of Nileland against outside interference. England

says to the Powers, individually and collectively,

'Je suis, j'y reste.' Her troops will embark

when their work is done, but not a moment

before. 'For how long?' indignantly asks our

neighbours. Well, the duration of our stay

mainly depends upon whether France expedites

or delays the progress of our administrative

programme. The less opposition it encounters

the earlier will be the date of evacuation. In

the meantime, an occasional naval demonstra-

tion off the coast may serve as a reminder that

the British flag does, although a poor hand at

barking, bite to the bone."

As a symptom of French feeling in regard to

Egypt we may take the acceptance by the

Chamber of Deputies of a petition offering to it

last month by an Egyptian journalist, Mr.

Mustapha Kamel, who is shown presenting a

petition to France. "The Liberator of Nations,"

for the deliverance of Egypt. Egypt is represented

in letters and guarded by a figure symbolical of

bravery and patriotism is entitled. 'Appeal

for help of the Egyptian People to France, the

Liberator of Nations."

Besides the Egyptian question, Lord Salisbury

will have another problem to solve. As stated

in the foregoing cable, he has filed a protest

against "China ceding or France accepting

territory that is included in the Anglo-French

Buffer State agreement of 1893." This protest

is directed against the convention between

France and China signed last month, which

completes the northern boundary of the

French possessions in Indo-China and

definitely settled all the economic and com-

mmercial questions that had arisen between

France and China. Part of the territory conveyed

to France under this convention consisted of the

Shan State of Kiang-Hung, over which England

once claimed proprietorship on the ground that

the Shan chiefs were vassals of Burma. She,

however, later abandoned her rights to China,

but with the proviso that His Majesty the

Chinese Emperor could not, without previous

obtaining the consent of Her Britannic Majesty,

cede "this territory or any fraction of it to any

foreign nation."

Despite this reservation the territory in question

has been ceded by China to France, and Lord

Salisbury may find some difficulty in giving effect

to his protest. M. Hanotaux, the French Minister

of Foreign Affairs, has been highly praised by the

Paris press for his success in this matter, and will

not easily abandon the newly acquired territory.

At one Paris paper said recently—"The con-

stitutions for the present, whilst the new govern-

ment must not allow to be lost by our indifference,

timidity, or ignorance."

CHINO-JAPANESE AFFAIRS.

The following special telegram from Wladivo-

stock is published by the *Novos Vremya*—

"Japan is suddenly raising her army and

fleet to a war footing. Two frigates bought in

Peur have already arrived, and crews will shortly

be dispatched to England to take over the

frigates, each of 12,000 tons, which have been

ordered there. A strong warlike temper prevails

in Japan, despite the violence of the cholera.

The fortifications of Port Arthur have been blown

up by the Japanese. They dominate Korea and

hold the King a prisoner. This statement con-

tains more than one inaccuracy. We may doubt

whether Japan is going on to a war footing any

more than she is at present, whilst the crews for

the two (not three) new frigates building in

England are not about to be dispatched, for

the simple reason that the vessels are not yet ready,

nor will they be for a year or two.

The New York correspondent of the *Standard*

states—Captain Ryan, who has been com-

missioned to observe Japanese affairs, reports

that negotiations have been entered into for the

purchase of the Russian Navy in preparation

for war with Russia. Other known details made

this report significant enough for a communi-

cation to be made to the President and the Cabinet.

The *Myishkoffskaya Vladimirovskaya* states—As

regards the Chino-Japanese settlement the

CONSUMPTION, Wasting Diseases, and General Debility. Doctors agree as to the relative value of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites; the one supplying strength and flesh—the other giving nerve power and acting as a tonic to the digestive and entire system. But in Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites the two are combined, and the effect is wonderful. Thousands who have derived no permanent benefit from other preparations have been cured by this. "Scott's Emulsion" is perfectly palatable, and is easily digested even by those who cannot tolerate plain Cod Liver Oil. Any Chemist can supply it—Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China—Watkins & Co., Hongkong.—Advt.

Intimations.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL TERM begins MONDAY, 9th September, at 9 A.M. All applicants for Admission should present themselves at that hour accompanied by PARENTS or GUARDIANS. GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D., Head Master.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [1206]

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE above SCHOOL will RE-OPEN on MONDAY next, the 9th instant.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1895. [1198]

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

THE FIRST MEETING of the HONGKONG BRANCH of the NAVY LEAGUE will be held (by permission) in the CHAMBER of COMMERCE CITY HALL on THURSDAY, 12th September, 1895, at 4.30 P.M.

E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary, pro. tem.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1895. [1100]

HONG-KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on MONDAY, 10th September, 1895, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of considering the Resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 29th ult.

By Order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1895. [1200]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S Office on SATURDAY, 21st September, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 21st September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [1207]

CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA EN HONGKONG.

ANUNCIO.

NECESARIO adquirir la Junta del Puerto de Manila, sillares de granito para las obras del nuevo puerto, por valor de \$34,677, y sillares, baldosas y adiciones para las obras de muelle del estero de Biondo, por valor de \$11,880.40, y con objeto de dar la mayor publicidad a los respectivos concursos, se advierte a las personas que deseen interesarse, que en este Consulado se hallan de manifiesto los planos, presupuestos, pliego de condiciones y anuncio del concurso inserto en la Gaceta de Manila, cuyos documentos han de servir de base al contrato.

JOSE DE NAVARRO, Consul.

Hongkong, 6 de Setiembre, 1895.

NOTICE.

THE Board of the Port of Manila requiring dressed granite blocks for the new Harbour Works, to a value of \$34,677, and paving tiles, tiles and curbstones, for the improvement works at Biondo creek, to a value of \$11,880.40, with the object of giving the greatest publicity to the respective competitions, persons desiring to tender are hereby informed that in this Consulate may be seen the plans, particulars and conditions, and the invitation for tenders inserted in the Gaceta de Manila, which documents are to serve as the basis of the Contract.

JOSE DE NAVARRO, Consul.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1895. [1208]

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of Mr. E. R. FUHRMANN from the Colony, Mr. H. W. RUMCKER is authorized to SIGN any FIRM per Procuration.

REUTER, BRÜCKELMANN & Co.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1895. [1191]

NOTICE.

ANY Persons OWING MONEY to or having CLAIMS against the Estate of Messrs. J. BIRBY and A. H. WALL, Late of B.S. Mongkut and B.S. P. C. KAO, respectively, are hereby required to forward the same forthwith to H.B.M. ACTING CONSUL at Bangkok, Siam.

Bangkok, 27th August, 1895. [1201]

HOUSE WANTED.

WITHIN easy distance of the CLOCK-TOWER, FOUR or FIVE ROOMS, Bungalow or Flat. Offers, stating price, to B. B. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1895. [1203]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1895. [1205]

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Hongkong, 12th July, 1895. [131]

MR. CHADWICK KEW, (LATE OF POATE & NOBLE.)

Hongkong, 17th November, 1894. [187]

BUSINESS NOTICE.

COAL MERCHANTS AND CHARTERERS, No. 44, PRAYA CENTRAL.

THE Underigned having started in Business as COAL and TEA MERCHANTS, STEVEDORES and STOREKEEPERS, are prepared to Supply Steamers with COAL, STORES, &c., &c. on the most moderate prices and respectfully solicit the Patronage of the Shipping Community.

WING CHEONG & Co., No. 44, Praya Central, Managing Partner.

A YOM, Business Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [106]

Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "CHINA".

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consideration, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

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